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Members of Community Advisory Group Selected

Berkeley --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced that the five person selection committee has picked 25 members, who will serve on a Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the Zeneca/former Stauffer Chemical Company site in Richmond. The 25 members selected will serve on a voluntary basis. A complete list of all selected CAG members can be viewed on DTSC's website at <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Zeneca/index.html>.

The CAG was formed after the submission of a petition to the DTSC by Ms. Ethel Dotson. The petition was signed by over 80 members of the Richmond community.

In a letter to those who were selected for the CAG, DTSC Director B.B. Blevins stated, "I want to thank Ms. Ethyl Dotson for her petition to establish a CAG in conjunction with DTSC's work at the Zeneca/former Stauffer Chemical Company site. I also want to express my appreciation to members of the selection committee - Ms. Dotson, Ms. Sherry Padgett, Ms. Michelle Milam, Mr. Jay Leonhardy and Ms. Diane Fowler for their hard work in building a CAG that is truly representative of the South Richmond community."

CAGs, established under Senate Bill 47 Sher (Ch. 23/2000), "reflect the composition of the affected community and the diversity of interests of the community." CAGs, through meetings and open forums, provide timely opportunities for review of DTSC technical documents and input into DTSC's environmental cleanup process. CAG members devote a minimum of 12 days annually to support activities and also serve as liaisons to the communities they represent.

The first meeting of the CAG is expected to be held the end of June. For more information about the CAG and upcoming meetings, please contact CAG members Ethel Dotson at 510-236-4234 or Sherry Padgett at 510 236-550 or Nancy Cook, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at 510-540-3923. Nancy can also be reached by e-mail at ncook@dtsc.ca.gov or in writing at 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94710.

The Zeneca/former Stauffer Chemical Company site is located at 1931 South 49th Street in Richmond, Contra Costa County. It is bounded by Meade Street, the University of California Richmond Field Station, South 49th Street and the San Francisco Bay.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.